

# Meeting Minutes

11/7/2011 7:00 p.m.

DORCHESTER COUNTY CENTER FOR THE  
PERFORMING ARTS  
321 High Street, Cambridge, Maryland

Commission Name	Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs
Name of Commission Chair	Chair Auriel A. Fenwick
Commission Administrator/ Staff Present	Keith Colston, Administrator Agnes M. Smith, Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Hines, Director
Guest Speakers	
List of Attendees	Chair Auriel A. Fenwick, Vice Chair Thomas W. Windsor II, Virginia Busby, Kathryn E. Robbins Fitzhugh, Robert F. Killen, Sherry majors, Cornelius Allen Red Deer, Guy Wells
Absent	Wanda Lee

The Meeting was called by Chair Auriel A. Fenwick. Prayer by Chief Sewell Winterhawk Fitzhugh. Vice Chair Thomas Windsor noted that the agenda for the meeting has been set.

## Topics

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

### ADMINISTRATOR KEITH COLSTON

Summary Of Discussion	Administrator Keith Colston introduced Ms. Elizabeth Hines, Director for Ethnic Commissions. Director Elizabeth Hines noted she is looking forward to working with everyone. This is her first Commission meeting. She is responsible for directing the administrators of the five different culture commissions. Her role is to support them. Administrator Colston noted that the proclamation that was given out by Dorchester County Council left out the Pocomoke Indian Tribe		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	

### REPATRIATION

### COMMISSIONER VIRGINIA BUSBY

Summary Of Discussion	After the last meeting the Maryland Historical Trust sent there recommendations to the Secretary on how they should proceed with other State agencies and also making sure the Secretary wants to go on with reburial. The MCIA have been working diligently on our report. The Trust staff people expect some kind of response within the next two weeks.		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
Draft to MCIA from Trust	Virginia Busby	11-11-11	

### ADVISORY COUNCIL JOHN SMITH TRAIL

### COMMISSIONER VIRGINIA BUSBY

Summary Of Discussion	The Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources has committed to work with the Maryland Historical Trust and the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs to identify lands. There are three rivers		
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	that have been identified. Trying to develop a test case. They met on October 26, 2011 with a small group. Halloween there were 700 acres put under conservation Nanticoke River. Commissioner Busby tries to encourage them to keep up their dialog. Chief Fitzhugh noted they are in the process of working on signage. Someone is coming around the 19 <sup>th</sup> and they will be going around showing historical sites.		
Conclusions			
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#### SWEAT LODGES

#### COMMISSIONER GUY WELLS

Summary Of Discussion	No update at this time. Chair Fenwick sent out a request for Western Maryland who is looking for a qualified teacher. Discussion about Sweat Lodges progress, contact information, etc. Issues are external at this point		
Conclusions			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline

#### EDUCATION

#### COMMISSIONER SHERRY MAJORS

Summary Of Discussion	The Education Committee will host a workshop on November 19, 2011 with about 25 teachers. Providing cultural information for their curriculum for 4 <sup>th</sup> grade level. There will be crafts, finger weaving, beading, storytelling, etc. They want to incorporate information throughout the State. Hopefully curriculum will be ready next fall.		
Conclusions			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### ADMINISTRATOR KEITH COLSTON

Summary Of Discussion	The American Indian Heritage Day Dinner will be at the Miller Senate Office Building. Invitations will be coming for date. Month events include Turkish Coalition of America, historical ground opening at BAIC Statewide Museum (reception on 18 <sup>th</sup> by invitation only and open house on 19 <sup>th</sup> ), Gaithersburg presentation on November 21 and DHR presentation on November 29.		
Conclusions			
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#### STATUS OF PETITIONS RECOGNITION

#### ADMINISTRATOR KEITH COLSTON

Summary Of Discussion	PCT is gathering information requested and presenting to Governor. The Accohannock Indian Tribe will be receiving a letter officially asking for information requested from RAC.		
Conclusions			
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Ms. Carol Ebright noted that the 2010 Census says there are 23,162 Native Americans in Maryland while the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene notes there are 58,657 Native Americans in Maryland. This is the number that should go into our documentation.

Request to have dates of events on website calendar.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.